AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in this application.

1. (Currently amended) A method comprising:

decoding in a receiver transmission parameter signaling data from a signal, the signal including the transmission parameter signaling data on a lower level than a level on which service information is included;

determining from the decoded transmission parameter signaling data if the signal carries time-sliced elementary streams; and

determining from the decoded transmission parameter signaling data whether the signal has a forward error correction framing structure.

2. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, comprising disregarding the signal ~~in the event of a negative determination~~ in response to determining that the signal does not carry time-sliced elementary streams.

3. - 6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

a decoder configured to decode transmission parameter signaling data from a signal, the signal including the transmission parameter signaling data on a lower level than a level on which service information is included; and

a determiner configured to determine from decoded transmission parameter signaling data if the signal carries time-sliced elementary streams and configured to determine from the decoded transmission parameter signaling data whether the signal has a forward error correction framing structure, wherein the apparatus is a receiver and is configured to operate in a network~~, wherein the apparatus is a receiver~~.

8. (Currently amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 7, comprising a controller configured to disregard a signal in response to determining that the signal does not carry

time-sliced elementary streams ~~associated with a negative determination~~.

9. - 12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently amended) A method comprising:

creating transmission parameter signaling data including an indication of whether a signal carries time-sliced elementary streams and an indication of whether the signal has a forward error correction framing structure; and

including the transmission parameter signaling data on a lower level of the signal than a level of the signal on which service information is transmitted.

14. - 16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently amended) Apparatus configured to form a signal for transmission, the apparatus being further configured to create transmission parameter signaling data including an indication of whether the signal carries time-sliced elementary streams and an indication of whether the signal has a forward error correction framing structure, and configured to include the transmission parameter signaling data on a lower level of the signal than a level of the signal on which service information is transmitted.

18. - 24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently amended) Apparatus configured to form a signal for transmission, the apparatus being further configured to form a transmission parameter signaling data signal for inclusion on a lower level of a signal to which the transmission parameter signaling data signal relates than a level of the signal to which the transmission parameter signaling data signal relates on which service information is included, the transmission parameter signaling data signal comprising a predetermined number of data bits defined over consecutive orthogonal frequency division multiplex symbols, the data signal comprising at a predetermined location a group of two information bits having a state dependent on whether a signal to which the data signal relates carries time-sliced elementary streams having a forward error correction framing structure.